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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO RETURN TO KHARTOUM

- 1. QUIET EFFORTS LED BY FIRST VP ABUL GASSEM TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH USSR APPARENTLY ARE BEARING FRUIT. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS SOVIET AMBASSADOR RETURNING TO RESUME HIS DUTIES. HE EXPECTED SOON. IN EDITORIAL THAT PROBABLY REFLECTS OFFICIAL SUDANGOV VIEWS AYAM MAY 8 STRESSES THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR WELCOME BACK AS LONG AS SOVIETS WILLING WORK FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN AFRICA AND CONDUCT RELATIONS WITH SUDAN WITH RESPECT AND FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.
- 2. EDITORIAL SAYS QUOTE WHAT THE SUDAN ASKS OF THE SOVIET UNION AS A SUPER POWER...AND ASKS OF U.S. ALSO IS TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE OF GREED OF NATIONAL INTEREST TOWARDS THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD WHICH DICTATES ON THEM DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES AIMING AT IMPOSING INFLUENCE, CONTROL...AND SUBJUGATION EVEN BY NAKED FORCE AND DREADFUL CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECTION. THE NATIONS AND COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD ARE IN MOST NEED OF PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY BECAUSE THEY CAN THEN USE THEIR CAPABILITIES, RESOURCES AND ENERGY IN HARD WORK FOR THE SAKE OF PROSPERITY, DEVELOPMENT...AND ADVANCEMENT BY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. AND IN THEIR STRUGGLE THEY CANNOT DISPENSE WITH SUPPORT OF BIG POWERS FOREMOST THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, SUPPORT BY ECONOMIC AID

...TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW, EQUIPMENT AND THE NECESSARY MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD MODERN STATES, AND ACHIEVE PROSPERITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. WE REALIZE THAT THERE ISN'T SUCH SUPPORT WITHOUT RETURN, BUT WE WANT THIS RETURN TO BE MUTUAL INTEREST WHOSE BENEFITS ARE SHARED BY TWO PARTIES OR PARTNERS ON EQUAL FOOTING, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR GREED...WHICH MAKE STRONG DO INJUSTICE TO WEAK. WE ALL HAVE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL THE BIG POWERS, A GOOD EXAMPLE IN PEOPLE'S CHINA AND ITS FRUITFUL COOPERATION RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONS AND COUNTIRES OF THE THIRD WORLD. UNQUOTE

3. COMMENT: THUS, AS WITH DOMESTIC OPPOSITION, LIBYANS AND ETHIOPIANS, NIMEIRI SEEMS READY CONDUCT RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS IN MORE CIVIL MANNER. IN EFFECT HE TURNING OTHER CHEEK AND PLACING BURDEN ON THEM TO ACT IN MANNER SUGGESTED BY AYAM EDITORIAL. IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS PROBABLY RELATED TO CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY SADIQ AL-MAHDI, HUSSEIN AL-HINDI AND PROBABLY SUDANESE COMMUNISTS, AS WELL, IN ACCEPTING NIMEIRI'S OFFER OF RECONCILIATION. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT NIMEIRI AND SUDANESE LEADERSHIP IN GENERAL REMAINS DEEPLY DISTRUSTFUL OF SOVIETS, BECAUSE OF THEIR ROLE IN HORN AND AFRICA GENERALLY, BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST RECORD HERE AND BECAUSE OF SUDANESE PERCEPTION THAT ULTIMATELY SOVIETS WISH REPLACE NIMEIRI, AND DOMINATE SUDAN ON THEIR WAY TO ACCOMPLISHING SIMILAR OBJECTIVES IN EGYPT.

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